

FIGURE 1

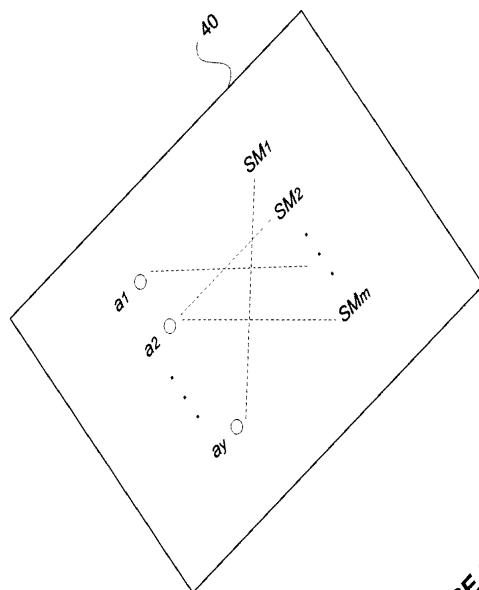


FIGURE 2

FIG. 2 is a schematic diagram of a network structure within a rectangular frame 40. The structure consists of two vertical columns of nodes. The left column contains nodes labeled $a1$, $a2$, and ay , connected by a vertical dashed line. The right column contains nodes labeled $SM1$, $SM2$, and SMm , also connected by a vertical dashed line. Horizontal dashed lines connect corresponding nodes between the two columns: $a1$ to $SM1$, $a2$ to $SM2$, and ay to SMm . Ellipses between $a2$ and ay , and between $SM2$ and SMm , indicate intermediate nodes in the sequence.

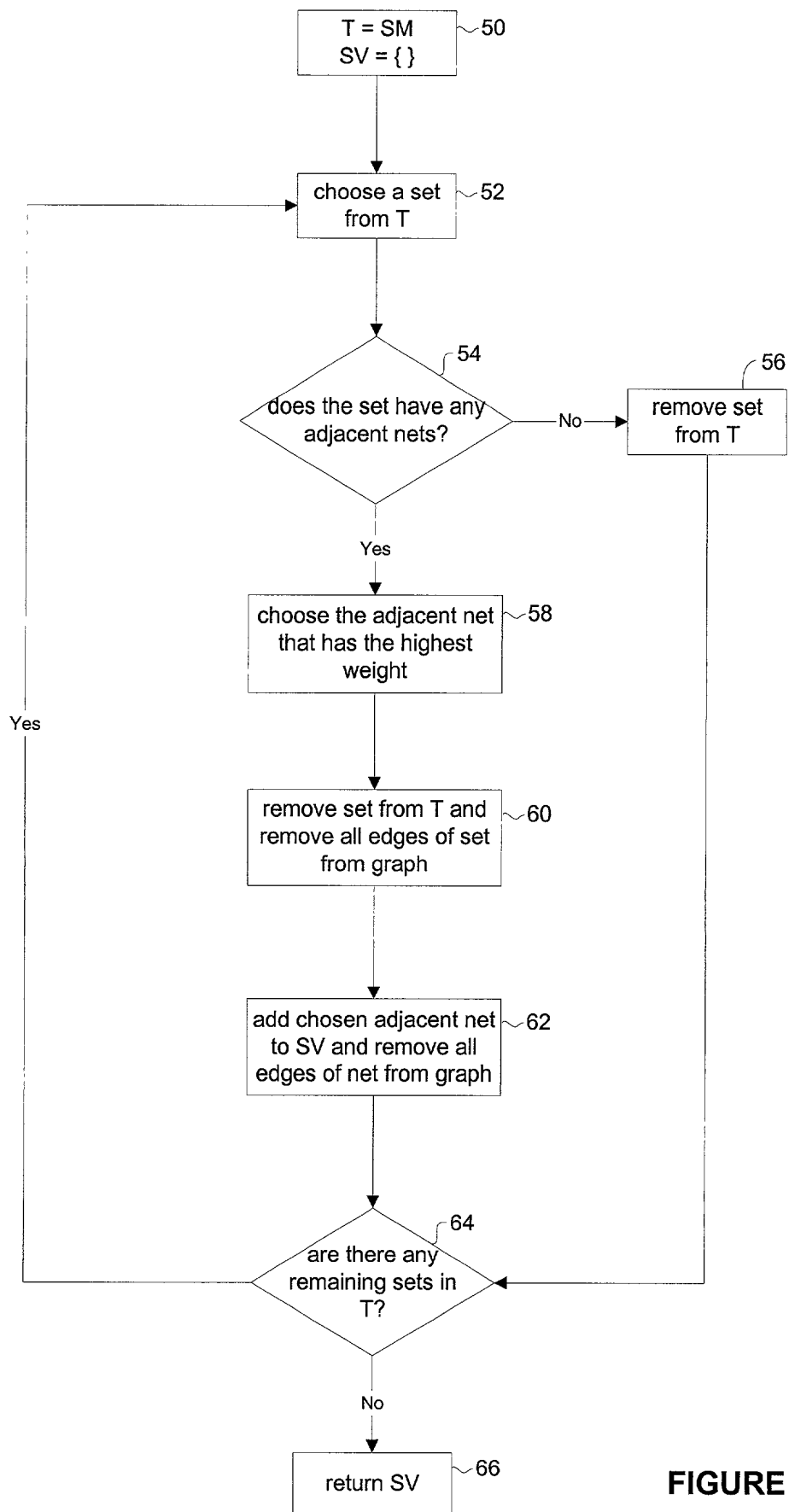


FIGURE 3

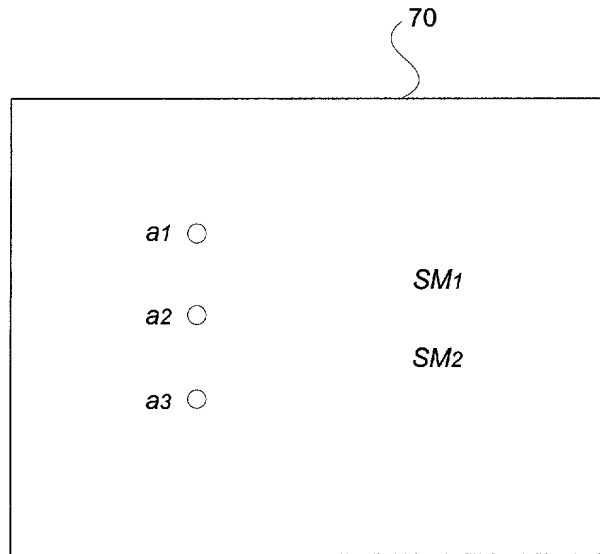


FIGURE 4a

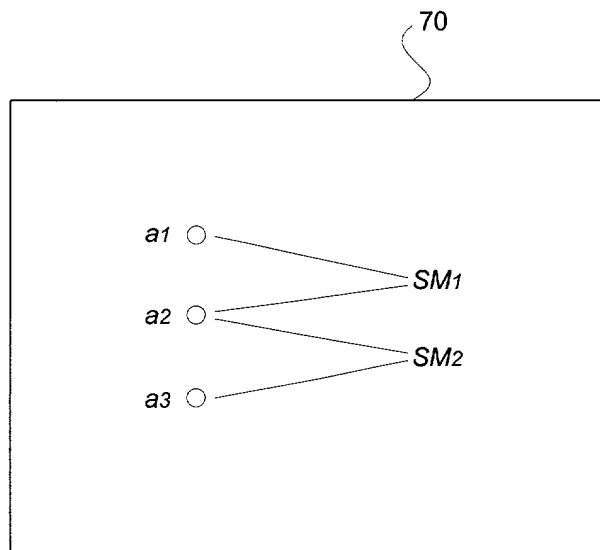
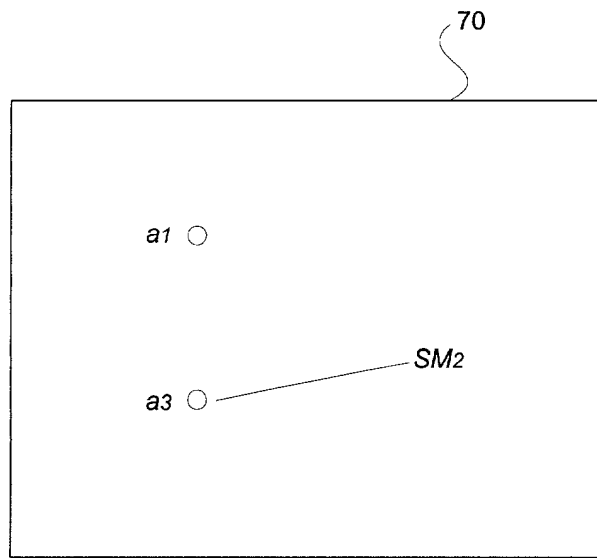
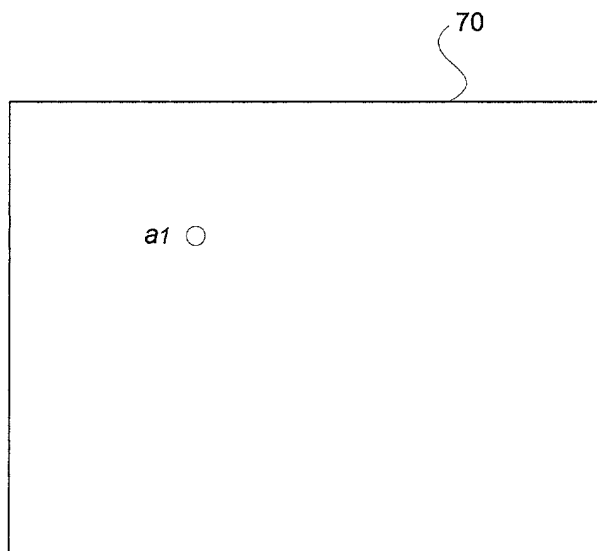


FIGURE 4b



after $SM1$ is chosen,
set $SV = \{a2\}$

FIGURE 5a



after $SM2$ is chosen,
set $SV = \{a2, a3\}$

FIGURE 5b